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LINK DOPE ADDICT TO BILBO 'GIFTS'

By Fred Vast

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Senator Bilbo took \$1,500 to obtain a drug permit for an alleged dope addict, according to testimony today by the Senator's former secretary, Edward Terry, at the Senate War Investigating Subcommittee hearing. Terry said Bilbo got the money last year from Dr. A. J. Podesta, of Vicksburg, Miss., on behalf of John A. Carr, a Natchez resident. Terry arranged an appointment for Bilbo and Narcotics Commissioner H. J. Anslinger in the Senator's Washington office, the ex-secretary testified. He added he was not present at the meeting and could not furnish any more details.

Bilbo's Lawyer Adds His Bit



NERVOUS-LOOKING Forrest Jackson of Jackson, Miss., is shown telling a Senate committee that he helped pay off a \$3,000 debt by Sen. Bilbo in 1940. Jackson is Bilbo's lawyer, and he says he paid the money to Abe Shushan, former Huey Long henchman, to save Bilbo "embarrassment."

A list of contributions to Bilbo's church fund, introduced earlier in the day, carried the name of John A. Carr as contributing \$1,500 in the summer of 1945.

The 23 church donors, whom Terry was asked to identify, contributed \$76,650 over a 2½ year period. They included several companies, war contractors, and other individuals. Terry said they were not among the 200 names he had given Bilbo for soliciting church funds. He said Bilbo had asked him several times for names of people Terry had helped in his official duties.

Contractor Maurice T. Reid told Terry he had given Bilbo \$3,500 with the understanding that \$1,000 would be returned and the whole sum deducted from his income tax as a church donation, Terry testified. But Reid never got the \$1,000 back, and the Bureau of Internal Revenue refused to deduct the \$3,500, saying it was a racket.

Terry said Reid later pressed for the Senator's support in getting his son back into the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, who was in the process of flunking out because of poor grades. Reid contended \$3,580 warranted Bilbo's support. Terry did not finish the story at today's hearing.

The ex-secretary appeared extremely nervous as he smoked one cigarette after another and told about death threats to himself and his family if he appeared at the current hearings. He was also threatened if he took part in this year's election campaign against Bilbo, he said.

The first threat came last April when A. B. Friend, Bilbo's campaign manager, told him he would be killed by two men if he participated in the election contest, Terry

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RACE HATER ON THE SPOT: Sen. Theodore Bilbo (D-Miss) puffs on his cigar (above) as war contractors testify to their "gifts" to this white supremacist. Below Bilbo studies a picture of "Dream House No. 2," built by war contractors.

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WORLD EVENTS

Truman's Apology and American Bullets

By Joseph Clark

The fact that President Truman felt called upon yesterday to issue his long apology for our military intervention in China testifies to the widespread dissatisfaction with America's role in China.

Exactly a year ago Truman said America's policy in China was based on "a cessation of hostilities" and Communist-Kuomintang unity.

He pledged on Dec. 15 last year that "United States military intervention will not extend to United States military intervention to influence the course of any Chinese internal strife."

Between last year's and yesterday's statements, the United States government sent more war material and supplies to China

than we sent them in eight long years of China's war against the Japanese.

"As China moved toward peace and unity along the lines mentioned," Truman said yesterday, "We were prepared to assist the Chinese economically and in other ways."

If words have any meaning, that says we will send aid to the Chinese government as they move towards "peace and unity." But the past year saw a vast extension of civil war in China. No less than 80 percent of the entire Chinese Army is at war with the Chinese communists.

And instead of political unity, Chiang Kai-shek has called a one-party National Assembly. He called it in direct violation of the pledge he made to us in January that a Political Consultative Council of Kuomintang, Communists and third party groups

would call that assembly.

Chiang moved toward war and division, instead of peace and unity. But not only did we give him economic aid (which Kuomintang merchants sold on the black market along with American-donated blood plasma) but we gave him planes, tanks, trucks, and guns to wage his civil war.

LEND-LEASE

Even Truman is constrained to admit that lend-lease assistance to Chiang AFTER V-J DAY and just till February, shortly after Gen. Marshall was sent to China, totalled \$600,000,000. And much more was transferred after that.

The main excuse Truman offers for arming the Kuomintang and for keeping our troops on in China is to disarm and repatriate Japanese troops.

He admits that the U.S. moved three of Chiang's armies by air

and eleven by sea after V-J Day. Ostensibly that was to disarm the Japanese. However, those were the troops which opened a new phase of civil war against the Communists and guerillas, who had liberated many of the territories in question from the Japanese.

The terrible truth is that Kuomintang troops stood guard against the Communists, SIDE BY SIDE WITH JAPANESE TROOPS AND UNITED STATES MARINES.

Here's the way the New York Times correspondent, Henry Lippman, reports the conversation of a marine lieutenant in China: "They ask me why they're here," the lieutenant explains about his men.

"As an officer I'm supposed to tell them, but you can't tell a man that he's here to disarm Japanese when he's guarding the

same railway with Japanese."

That marine lieutenant didn't want to tell his men a brazen lie, they were on the spot and knew the truth.

But the President of the United States comes before his country and tells the American people that we are neutral in the Chinese civil war. He tells us our marines are there to disarm the Japanese.

Truman indicated our troops will remain in China. It's such a small force, he argued. But the size of the force is not the issue. It's what they're doing in China.

Just a small force of U. S. troops is needed to protect Chiang Kai-shek's lines of communication and transportation. These troops guard those lines and by their very presence take sides in the war. So our 19,000 men there are worth more to Chiang than 50 of his own divisions.

Truman Issues 3,000-Word Apology For U. S. Intervention in China

President Truman issued a 3,000-word statement yesterday in defense of American intervention in China, indicating that American troops will remain in that country. The President said he still stood by the position he took a year ago when he promised no interference in China's internal affairs.

Truman's statement appeared aimed in part at congressional critics such as Senators James E. Murray (D-Mont) and Ralph Flanders (R-Vt). These Senators had proposed that mediation in China be turned over to a joint U.S.-British-Russian conference, and not be handled unilaterally by the U.S.

While Truman's entire statement was an apology for sending arms and support to Chiang Kai-shek, the President argued the major purpose of this intervention was to disarm

The Communist Radio Yenan yesterday criticized President Truman and Secretary of State James Byrnes for aiding and supporting the Kuomintang in China's civil war, according to United Press.

The broadcast criticized Truman for awarding Kuomintang generals victory medals in the midst of the current strife, and accused Byrnes of making an absurd rationalization to explain the presence of U.S. troops in China.

Yenan said the awards confirmed "British comment that Truman is the highest commander directing Chiang Kai-shek's civil war."

and repatriate the Japanese. He reported that this mission was completed "officially" in November. Our marines will remain in China, but their numbers will be reduced, he said. They number 12,000, Truman reported.

[Secretary Byrnes told the UN General Assembly we had 19,000 troops in China.]

Truman said that between V-J Day and February the United States transferred \$600,000,000 lend-lease to China. He also said that our Army and Navy had transferred three Kuomintang armies by air, and eleven by sea after V-J day, to central and northern China.

He recalled that after negotiations of Communists and the Kuomintang last January, "agreements provided for an interim government of a coalition type with representation of all parties." Truman defended his continued aid to Chiang despite the failure to carry out that pledge.

Prior to Truman's report Sena-

Yugoslav delegate at UN cites cases of border violations by Greek monarchists.

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tors Murray and Flanders issued a statement condemning U. S. policy in China.

"It is time for us to face with frankness the fact that no Chinese government will be regarded by its own people as independent if it is under the authoritarian control of a single party. And if that party can only maintain itself, against the wishes of a large part of the people by reliance on American support," they said.

Main proposal which emerges from their critical review of U. S. activities in China since V-J Day is the calling of a round table conference under the chairmanship of General Marshall. To this conference, in addition to Kuomintang and Chinese Communists, would be

invited Great Britain, Russia and the United States. Its aim would be to help all political parties entitled to participate in an eventual coalition government to get together and bring about that coalition.

On American intervention in the civil war it has this to say: "American supplies have been identified in the eyes of all Chinese as the major factor in perpetuating a chronic and indecisive civil war. As a consequence a spreading tide of anti-American feeling is undermining the traditional friendship between the American and Chinese people."

The declaration was also signed by Owen Lattimore and three other experts on China.



WORLD BRIEFS CHILE SENATE VOTES WOMEN'S FRANCHISE

CHILE'S SENATE approved and sent to the Chamber of Deputies a law granting Chilean women the right to vote.

A witness yesterday accused Dr. Sigmund Rascher, one of 23 leading Nazi physicians being tried by an American military tribunal, of forcibly feeding cyanide tablets to inmates of Dachau concentration camp.

The British delegate to the intergovernmental refugee conference, Sir George Rendel, said Britain felt it was unable to contribute to the committee budget on a 50-50 basis with the United States.

AN AMERICAN SOLDIER was killed and two others injured in a fight between white and Negro troops in Tokyo, the Pacific edition of the Stars and Stripes, Army newspaper, reported.

U. S. ARMY officials disclosed they arrested three Germans with 2,000,000 reichsmarks (\$300,000)—more than a trunkful—hidden in

secret compartments of a car.

VICEROY WAVELL will return to India "any day now" and will not carry any new instructions regarding the troubled India situation, a British government source said.

SOVIET RECONVERTED PLANTS INCREASE OUTPUT BY 250%

The reconverted Soviet armaments industry increased civilian goods production by 250 percent this year, with all branches showing substantial gains, the official Soviet organ Izvestia said yesterday.

Pravda, organ of the Communist Party, said the Estonian Republic and Odessa province already had met their 1946 quotas. Kiev increased its 1946 output by 72 percent.

Both publications criticized a lag in the manufacture of agriculture equipment. The famous Kirov tractor plant at Cheliabinsk, which set

A government source in London said yesterday that British diplomats in Madrid have been meeting Spanish political leaders to explore the possibility of an interim coalition government to replace Franco, according to United Press.

This was disclosed as Jose Giral, Premier of the Spanish Republican Government-in-Exile, returned to Paris from New York where he had attended sessions of the United Nations as an observer. The British government source indicated the British diplomatic mission hoped to exclude the left wing in the interim government.

Consultations have been proceeding for a "considerable" period.

It was presumed, the source said, that United States diplomats similarly had been exploring the possibility of an interim government. It was said that such consultations with political leaders were necessary to enable the government to determine what stand to take on Spain in United Nations discussions.

He indicated consultations were continuing despite the decision to recall British Ambassador Sir Victor Mallet.

EMBRACE of congratulations is given new French Premier Leon Blum by Assembly president Vincent Auriol on the formation of an all-Socialist cabinet.

Study Rocket Slugs Shot Off the Earth

WHITE SANDS, N. M., Dec. 18 (UP).—A group of excited scientists studied the results today of hurling metal slugs from a rocket travelling 3,647.72 miles an hour, 111 miles above the ground—hoping some of them may have been thrown outside the earth's gravity, thus opening the secrets of travel between the planets.

The captured German rocket was launched from the U. S. Army's White Sands proving ground last night. Five minutes and five seconds later it reached a speed of 5,350 feet per second and a record altitude of 111 miles, higher than any of the previous 16 V-2 rockets fired by the U. S. Army.

A joint announcement by the War and Navy departments and scientists of the applied physics laboratory at Johns Hopkins University said the fate of the artificial meteorites was still unknown.

Photographs taken during the rocket's upward course and after the metal particles had been exploded into the ionosphere were to be studied by upper altitude research men. The pictures would be compared with those taken of the star patterns in the sky for the past few nights to discover if any new bodies were visible.

Too Many Words

By Alan Max

President Truman used 3,000 words yesterday to try to explain the continued presence of 12,000 American troops in China. This is at the high rate of one word to explain away every four men. But the President would only have to use four words to explain the WITHDRAWAL of ALL our troops: "China for the Chinese."

LABOR and the NATION

Dope Addict
Linked to
Bilbo 'Gifts'

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told the subcommittee.

Terry verified earlier testimony that Bilbo exerted efforts to get army construction jobs for Mississippi contractors, and that the Senator received large contributions in return.

He also testified:

Friend, who landed one of the contracts, paid Terry for expenses incurred during the 1940 campaign that re-elected Bilbo. The money was not forthcoming until after war contracts were obtained. The \$25,000 given Bilbo by contractor Felix Newton for the Wall Doxey election drive in 1942 was never made available to Doxey's campaign manager, although Bilbo was asked for money.

Although Terry told Newton he had been "held up," the contractor brushed it aside by saying it would be deducted from his income tax.

Bilbo had an understanding he would not have to repay a loan of \$3,000 to Abe Shushan, henchman of the late Huey Long, in exchange for helping Shushan, who was being prosecuted on an income tax charge.

Terry delivered the \$1,900 Cadillac to Bilbo, a Christmas gift from Michael Morrissey.

Newton asked Terry to withhold payment of a personal debt of \$3,750 until the contractor's bankruptcy proceedings were finished. Today Newton said he could not remember loaning Terry \$3,750, but the contractor could recall a \$1,200 loan to Bilbo.

Among contributors to Bilbo's funds were bootleggers and gamblers.

Terry had \$15,000, given by the late Simon Lieberman of New York, to defeat Bilbo in this year's campaign, but he couldn't find a suitable candidate to make the race, he said. He added he returned this fund to Lieberman personally in cash in July, 1946. But cross-examination developed Lieberman had died last January.

When Sen. Homer Ferguson (R-Mich) demanded that Terry say to whom the money was delivered last July, Terry replied:

"I am not going to involve other people."

Committee chairman James M. Mead, (D-NY) supported by Ferguson, then instructed counsel George Meader to take steps to cite the witness for contempt. Ferguson also requested that Terry's testimony be referred to the Justice Department for possible perjury action.

White House Advisers Admit
'Dip' Possible; Truman Scoffs

Report Opposes Public Action to Avert Depression

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—President Truman's Council of Economic Advisers today described the outlook for production and jobs as "more than ordinarily favorable for a period of some years ahead" — but then hedged by



Civil Rights Handclasp: Shown at closing session of conference which set up a permanent Philadelphia chapter of the Civil Rights Congress are left to right: Evelyn Lambert, National Negro Congress; Milton Kimmitt, national field director Civil Rights Congress; Saul C. Waldbaum, labor attorney; Berrie Hodes, C.E.C. Interim Committee secretary; Mayne Jason, Midtown Legislative Committee and John C. Lyman.

admitting that conditions are present which "might make for a dip in 1947" and said a chain reaction, resulting in prolonged depression, is "conceivable" but not probable.

The advisers made no recommendations for legislation or public works to check depression. On the contrary, they opposed any such measures in 1947.

President Truman took issue with his advisers' report in a news conference at the White House this afternoon. He declared flatly he did not think a recession in 1947 possible.

A reporter, preparing to ask a question, mentioned the "apparent belief" of the Economic Council that a recession is due in 1947. The President interrupted to demand why he spoke of recession. The reporter replied, "Because the report says so." Mr. Truman then declared he didn't read the report carefully but, if it made that statement, he didn't agree with it.

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY

The report was prepared in accordance with Public Law 103, enacted by the 79th Congress, as the final form of the "Full Employment Bill" advocated by Henry Wallace and labor and progressive forces. It provides that the Council of Economic Advisers shall inform the President of present and prospective levels of employment and make recommendations as to what the government should do to stimulate business and provide jobs for the unemployed.

As finally adopted, the measure avoided the term "full employment" and commits Congress and the President only to the promotion of "maximum employment, production and purchasing power."

The personnel of the Council, as named by Truman, are Edwin G. Nourse, chairman (who participated with the President in today's news conference), Leon Keyserling and John D. Clark.

OPPOSES PUBLIC WORKS

The Council urged against federal or state public works projects or governmental aid to business in the coming year, declaring that "we do not believe that 1947 presents a situation in which government should under-

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Wallace Urges We Turn Atom
Pile Over to World Agency

Henry A. Wallace yesterday urged that the United States stop making atom bombs and turn its stockpile of bombs and fissionable materials over to an international

tribunal which would keep them here until the United Nations disarmament plan goes into effect.

The former vice-president, writing in *The New Republic* described the United Nations resolution calling for a world inventory of armaments as possibly "one of the most important acts in all history."

He also termed the international situation today "unbelievably better" than it appeared last summer.

He said, however, that the nation which "produces half the income of the world and at the same time is stockpiling atomic bombs" inevitably appeared potentially history's greatest imperialist nation.

"Right now," he said, "we ought to let the world know how many bombs we have and how many we expect to have at the present rate of production at the end of 1947. . . . Now that the United Nations resolution for disarmament has been adopted we should impress the world with our willingness to broadcast not only information in regard to the stockpile of bombs, but also in regard to potentialities of peace-time use."

Wallace said the Russians had "met us halfway" and he asked:

"Why don't we step out now and meet them more than halfway? Count the bombs! Stop making the bombs! Offer to turn the bombs already made, and the supply of fissionable material out of which they can be made, over to an international tribunal so that the bombs can be kept in escrow here on United States soil until such time as the UN resolution on disarmament is given practical effect."

Wallace, who sharply criticized the Baruch atom control plan two months ago, said "nobody is asking that the secret" of the atomic bomb be given to any nation before security was completely assured.

But he said the United States could not hope to impress the world

with its peaceful intentions if it continued to make bombs and stockpile materials which go into bombs.

Wallace, in reference to his Madison Square Garden address which led to his resignation from the cabinet, said his "frank speaking of last September" and the resulting "international clamor" may have contributed to an improved international situation by forcing Anglo-American and Russian "extremists" to modify their stands.

"Neither side was probably as tough as it pretended to be," he said. Certainly the people of the USSR, the United States and the United Kingdom have wanted peace at all times."

He said that while President Roosevelt lived, the United States furnished world leadership and mediated between the Soviet and England.

ANTI-LYNCH PARLEY WILL
GREET 80th CONGRESS JAN. 3

A conference will be convened in Washington Jan. 2 to demand the ouster of Senator Bilbo and the passage of anti-lynching legislation. It was announced yesterday by the American Crusade to End Lynching. Immanuel Neumark, secretary of the organization said the conference would be followed by meetings with Congressional leaders on Jan. 3, prior to the opening of Congress at noon on that day.

"The American Crusade to End Lynching," Neumark stated, "organized a delegation of 2,500 Americans to Washington Sept. 23 under the leadership of Paul

Robeson, to demand effective Federal action against lynchers. We are returning to Washington as Congress convenes with a group of three hundred or more delegates, each representing an important group of citizens in his or her community. We are lifting our voices to demand that those who commit lynching and those who inspire it shall be restrained by the force of effective Federal action."

Neumark emphasized that the question of seating Senator Bilbo will come to a head when the session opens.

NATIONAL SCENE
11 KILLED IN BUS
HIT BY TRAIN

TEN HIGH SCHOOL students and a bus driver were killed yesterday in Newberry, S. C., when a speeding passenger train cut the crowded bus in half on a grade crossing. Eleven others were injured, three so critically they were expected to die.

MAJ. GEN. PHILIP B. FLEMING, head of the Office of Temporary controls yesterday called for abolition of all building controls, and said "pressure groups" were "making life miserable for hard-working and conscientious public officials. Fleming said weekly limitation on non-housing construction is now \$35,000,000 and he would increase this amount the first of the year and would move it up gradually as materials become more plentiful.

A GEIGER COUNTER, small enough to be inserted in the

veins of a man or animal to record the passing of radio-active particles too weak to penetrate the skin, was demonstrated yesterday by University of California's scientists.

CHICAGO'S mayor for 13 years, Edward J. Kelly, 70, said yesterday he was not "ambitious" to be a candidate in next April's city elections, but he left the way open for the county Democratic committee to draft him.

HUNDREDS of congratulatory messages poured in at the home of Orville Wright in Dayton, O., yesterday on the 43rd anniversary of his successful heavier-than-air flight.

ABOUT 20,000 coal miners in Ohio will receive a \$100,000 rebate on fines levied against them during the coal strike.

UAW Board Appeals to AFL Unions

By Bernard Burton

The CIO United Auto Workers international executive board yesterday wound up its 10-day session here with an appeal to "leaders of the American Federation of Labor to respond to CIO President Murray's call for labor unity against those who would destroy the labor movement."

At the same time the 22-man board declared that "in the ensuing wage negotiations, officers of the UAW-CIO shall coordinate our efforts with those of other CIO unions in order to insure unity of action." The state-

ment followed by two days the joint wage policy meeting in Pittsburgh of CIO's Big Three—steel, auto and electric.

Both the call for labor unity and for coordinated wage action were embodied in a statement of policy adopted at the concluding session of the board's third quarterly meeting at the Hotel Placidilly.

"Despite wartime promises," the statement's opening paragraph noted, "of a world of the common man after victory over fascist aggression, big business and its reactionary supporters in this country have moved since V-J Day more and more savagely against the democratic rights and living standards of the American people."

It declared that "huge profits and high prices have bitten deeply into the wages, the living standards and the purchasing power of the people. In the midst of the most bitter housing crisis the nation has ever known, the government has washed its hands of the responsibility of providing homes for veterans. The federal administration has turned back the clock of progress in labor relations by invoking injunctive powers against a union at the behest of the National Association of Manufacturers. A reactionary Congress is formulating legislation that would outlaw legitimate and basic union activities."

Endorsing Murray's call for a "counter offensive" against those who would take the country down the path of "national disaster," the board pledged the "full resources" of the national UAW and its locals behind the coming wage drive.

The board earlier had adopted specific industry-wide wage demands for a 23½ cents an hour raise, an equalization fund to remove wage differentials for the same type of work and a social welfare plan.

JOINT ACTION

A separate motion, adopted on the recommendation of UAW president Walter P. Reuther, urged that if and when a united labor conference was convened it should map out joint legislative activities. The motion also proposed setting up of a joint labor defense fund, machinery to arbitrate jurisdictional disputes and state and local joint labor meetings to follow up a national conference.

The board voted \$10,000 a month for the next year to the CIO southern organizing drive and \$1,000 a month to CIO-PAC. Assignment of a full-time UAW member to national PAC was approved.

Appointment of southwestern regional director John W. Livingstone as co-director with Reuther of the General Motors department was ratified. Refusal to participate in the 1947-48 season of the American Bowling Congress unless discrimination against Negro bowlers was ended was also announced by the board.

TO SURVEY RESOURCES

At Tuesday's session the board recommended a survey of strike funds and other financial resources held by local unions. The step was taken after a report by Secretary-Treasurer George W. Addes revealed that there was \$400,000 in the national treasury and a strike fund of \$123,000.

Addes pointed out that this amount was far below the \$1,500,000 the union had before its 113-day

strike against GM last November, although it represented a considerable improvement over recent months. When the GM strike ended in March, union funds had shrunk to \$700,000, Addes said. The reduction was said to be due to postwar reduction in dues paying membership and the cost of other strikes. He revealed the union was spending \$120,000 monthly on the Allis Chalmers, J. I. Case and other current strikes.

Addes estimated there was "several million dollars" in local treasuries and disclosed that average dues paying membership for October and November was 814,442, a gain of 200,000 over July.

Final steps taken by the board included backing of the CIO program adopted at the Atlantic City convention, endorsement of CARE to send packages to Europe and a telegram to President Truman and Attorney General Tom Clark, urging amnesty for conscientious objectors.

MARITIME UNIONS BACK CALL FOR UNITED LABOR MOVEMENT

Special to the Daily Worker

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—The Committee for Maritime Unity, giving unqualified support to CIO President Philip Murray's call for AFL-CIO-Railroad Brotherhoods unity, today closed its two-day session with a warning that "the time is too short and the danger is too great to permit independent programs and actions."

"The onslaughts against labor are organized and pursued by a powerful combine of big business," the executive board with representatives of six affiliated unions said. "All present irritations and differences between the branches of labor must be submerged for this common fight."

In an earlier resolution, the committee noted that benefits won for maritime workers in recent struggles, thanks to unity within the CIO and between AFL and CIO maritime unions "were unprecedented" in the history of the industry.

"We confirm the correctness of the decisions made by unanimous vote by the CMU board in the course of the recent strike," said the resolution, "and reassert our conviction that the benefits won were unprecedented in the history of the maritime industry."

The committee also heard a report on the voting of the affiliated unions approving the organization of the SMU, and set March 15 for the holding of the SMU's constitutional convention in New York.

The convention call will go to all maritime unions regardless of affiliation. The board further recommended a uniform strategy in negotiations due after Jan. 1 when wage reopening clauses are due.

Harry Bridges, president of the CIO's Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and Joseph Cur-

Santa Bearded

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa., Dec. 18.—Oh 'deer, 'deer, 'deer, 'deer, 'deer—was Santa Claus embarrassed.

Appearing at a party for underprivileged boys and girls, Santa was asked by lad to "say the names of your reindeer."

Santa stammered only two of the eight names—"Donner and Blitzen."



CHRISTMAS ALREADY? One-year-old Joyce Pretka seems to be wondering as she wakes to see a full-dress Christmas tree. Her father, an ex-gob living at the Camp Upton vets housing project, decided to trim the tree a little early this year.

FOOD, TOBACCO WORKERS BACK MURRAY UNITY PLEA

Special to the Daily Worker

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—The 100,000 members of the CIO Food and Tobacco Workers support CIO president Philip Murray's call for labor unity, Donald Henderson, FTA president, said today, warning that workers must "build unity against reaction or face the possibility of retreat."

All local and regional FTA bodies were directed to explore all possibilities for unity between CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods unions.

"The threat to all organized labor put forward by monopoly cor-

porations is a very real one," Henderson said. "Reactionary politicians vie with each other daily to see which can promise the most damage to our unions and to our living standards."

"A national hysteria against labor is being built up to greet the opening of the 80th Congress less than two weeks from now."

"This deliberately inspired campaign against the American people's welfare can be met, if we follow Philip Murray's plea for unity around a progressive program of action."

OPERATION FOR DEAFNESS PROVES 85% SUCCESS

CLEVELAND, Dec. 18.—Dr. George E. Shambaugh of Northwestern University medical school, said today the fenestration operation whereby a window is cut between the outer and inner ear to relieve deafness has proved itself successful in about 85 percent of all cases.

The operation, designed to overcome the growth of bone matter in the passage between the two ears, has been performed some 1400 times at Northwestern University hospital without a death, and no longer is

regarded as especially dangerous, he said.

Dr. Shambaugh told the annual Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons that reports from 623 patients who had undergone such operations showed 82.8 percent of them regarded the operation as successful, a figure that agreed with most doctors' statistics.

He said that, of the patients replying to a questionnaire, four percent regarded the operation as successful but still used a hearing aid at times, while some 10 percent said it was a failure.

David Davis Tops Redbaiter In Philly UE Poll

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—David Davis, business agent of Local 155, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, was reelected with a large majority today after one of the most intense red-baiting campaigns ever waged here against a union candidate. The entire slate on Davis' ticket was elected.

He defeated Joe Walter, 1907 to 1,203, in face of concerted efforts to unseat him featured especially in articles in the *Inquirer* and other papers here. The major issue against Davis was his membership on the national committee of the Communist Party. He polled the top vote on his slate.

Even some employers cooperated with the opposition's efforts to mobilize votes through such methods as giving anti-administration groups time off to vote, it was reported.

Davis' running mate for the presidency, James Larkin, won over Charles Gunch the incumbent 1,818 to 1,320. Gunch was the principal leader of the red-baiters.

With more than 3,300 ballots cast, the vote was unprecedented in the history of the local of 7,000 members. So heavy was the turnout to vote that there was a traffic jam near the union's headquarters yesterday afternoon.

The Davis forces campaigned on a unity platform and pointed to the administration's achievements such as the growth of the local to become the largest of the UE in the area and raises totaling \$3,000,000 since V-J Day.



"Gentlemen: there's a motion on the floor to adjourn so that the delegates may attend the 10th Anniversary Christmas Eve Ball of the Lincoln Brigade, at Manhattan Center, Tuesday night, December 24th—Tickets are \$1.25 in advance and \$1.50 at the door."

NEW YORK

Subs Grow in Brooklyn

24th A.D. TAKES DRIVE
LIKE YANKS TOOK SICILY

Tall, slim Orry Gross wondered at times, while he was going through the North African and Italian campaigns in World War II, what he'd be doing when he got back home.

He knew he'd be working with the Communist Party somewhere, and so, it wasn't so much of a surprise to find himself organizer of a section that is setting the pace in bringing in subscriptions to The Worker.

That section is the 24th Assembly District, in Brooklyn, with 390 members, which took on itself a quota of 450 subs for the eight week period from Dec. 1 to Jan. 31.

Yesterday the section reported it had nailed down 275 subscriptions, new and renewal, or 61 percent of its goal in just 17 days. High point came last Sunday, when a section mobilization produced no less than 125 subs.

Gross estimates 125 members, or 42 percent of the section, have been involved directly in the subscription drive thus far, and at-

tributes the gratifying results to this.

Star performers in the 25th A.D. section are Sam Finkelstein, who has topped up 62 subs and is a top-notch contender for that trip to Paris. Rae Posner picked up 20 subs in her mass organization, while Nat Sirola brought in 20 more.

Star branch of the section is Hindsdale, which took a quota of 130 of the section's goal of 275. It has already topped its promise, and is out for more. This branch reports that the intensive sub drive work sharply picked up their party reregistration.

These people are working in a district which increased its American Labor Party vote by 10 percent in the recent elections and elected an ALP assemblyman, Samuel Kaplan. They say they expect to go way over their quota, and their current challenge is to wrap up the 275 by Christmas.

That's a gift The Worker will appreciate.

State CIO Council to
Hold Regional Parleys

The New York State CIO Council yesterday was setting the wheels in motion for the first of its state-wide regional conferences, which a spokesman said would be held in Albany some time in January. The conferences would be "geared to get the

backing of public opinion" to the CIO program, the spokesman pointed out.

Calling of the conferences was voted by the one-day session of the Council's executive board held Tuesday at the Hotel Piccadilly. The board also voted to amend its rules to bar local council actions on state-wide issues.

Louis Hollander, state CIO president, said that "in line with the policy of the national CIO, all proposals for mass demonstrations at Albany or other state-wide actions must be taken up with the State CIO for approval."

The restriction applies only to city and county CIO councils. Individual unions, acting in their own name, are not subject to state body regulations.

The council approved a legislative program calling for continuation of the 5-cent subway fare in this city, a State minimum wage of 65 cents an hour, CIO representation on the Board of Regents and other State boards, liberalized unemployment insurance payments, collective bargaining rights for civil service workers, establishment of a health insurance fund, higher wages for teachers and other Government employees, doubling of State appropriations for education, State "mustering-out" pay for veterans, and intensified efforts to stamp out discrimination in education, housing and employment.

Bank Employees Win
20% General Raise

The highest beginning wage in the financial industry was won by employees of the Brooklyn Savings Bank, 975 Bedford Ave., the Financial Employees Guild, Local 96 CIO-UOPWA announced yesterday.

The new contract, covering 41 workers, calls for a \$35 starting rate, a 20 percent general increase, \$10 for all workers earning less than \$50 a week and a six percent Christmas bonus payable Dec. 20.

3 Women, Beaten
By Cops, Found Guilty

By John Hudson Jones

Three Negro women, two of whom were beaten by Harlem police, were found guilty of assault in special Sessions yesterday and held for sentencing on Dec. 30. The women, Mrs. Josie Stewart, Mrs. Helen Urquhart and Alethia Griffin, were arrested after an al-

tercation with a taxi driver who refused to take them to the Bronx from 111 St. and Fifth Ave., about 2 a.m., July 14.

The day after the incident the Daily Worker interviewed Mrs. Stewart, a dress trimmer, in her home at 701 Crotona Park North. Her upper lip had been severely cut by the billy of Patrolman Carmello Perconti, and she declared that in the 28th Precinct station house, Perconti had further kicked and beaten her, and had removed \$30 from her wallet.

'ASSAULT WITH SHOES'

Perconti, a huge man, testified that on his arrival at the scene the three women immediately set upon him with their shoes, and that Mrs. Stewart pulled a knife from her bosom to cut him.

He claimed he was practically helpless, and that, had it not been for his partner, the women would have done him in.

Attorney Louis Fleischer, retained by the New York Civil Rights Congress to defend the women, questioned surprise witness Joseph Colon, a building superintendent who said he had seen the incident but that he couldn't identify the women because "all colored look alike to me." When Fleischer pressed him as to how he became a witness, he said he "knew" officers Perconti and Cunningham, and that "next day after the fight I saw them and agreed to testify if they wanted me to."

KICKED IN CELL

Miss Griffin and Mrs. Urquhart were arrested when they appeared at the 28th Precinct to see Mrs. Stewart.

Mrs. Griffin charged that a cop kicked her on the leg as she was being placed in a cell, and that a matron threatened to put soap

in her mouth and tie her to the cell bars when she began crying.

A defense motion for dismissal was denied by Judge John V. Flood, who immediately found the three women guilty of the first count of the indictment, which was simple assault. Mrs. Stewart was also found guilty of possession of a knife.

ONE OF MANY

This incident was one of a series of eight cases involving police brutality against Negroes this summer. In only one, that of James Slappy, a half-blind man who also received a deep lip cut, was there a departmental hearing, but the cop was never tried. The eight cases were documented by the office of Councilman Benjamin J. Davis and pre-

sented to the police department by a delegation of leading citizens.

Present at that meeting was recently-ousted Inspector John J. DeMartino, who denied that brutality against Negroes was a department policy. The officials promised that steps would be taken to protect Negroes and that the police would be instructed in race relations.

When informed of today's verdict against the women, Councilman Davis declared: "It was an outrageous miscarriage of justice, and is a part of the whole get-tough-with-Harlem policy. The people of this community must get together and fight back or else this is just the beginning."

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Marcantonio Will
Address AYD Rally

Congressman Vito Marcantonio will speak tomorrow (Friday) at a Salute to Young America Rally, opening the second convention of the New York State American Youth for Democracy at Manhattan Center.

Other speakers will be Albert Kahn, co-author of The Great Conspiracy, Leon Wofsy, president of the New York State AYD, and Russell Nixon, national legislative representative of the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers of America, CIO.

Billie Holliday, blues singer, and Ray Lev, pianist, will perform.

Childs to Talk at Sub
Drive Buffet Dinner

Highlighting the drive to complete the Bronx County goal of 3500 subscriptions and renewals by Jan. 1, a buffet dinner will be given for the outstanding press builders on Friday evening, Dec. 20 at 125 E. 170 St.

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DISARMAMENT AT UN

- Only One Aspect of Peace Making
- Wide Gap Between Words and Deeds

By James S. Allen

AFTER LONG EXPERIENCE with disarmament talk, we have learned this problem is only one aspect of making peace. Reduction of certain branches of armament has taken place in the past and is possible again.

In any case, arms limitation is not of necessity a decisive step toward peace. It is possible only as a result of cooperation among the major powers, who at the same time reach agreement on some central problems of the peace.

What happened at the General Assembly is that talk of disarmament was taken out of its fuzzy stage and placed on the agenda of the United Nations for action, alongside the other major problems of the peace-making.

A further advance registered here was that all branches of armaments have been linked, with special reference to the weapons of mass destruction, like atom-bombs, jet-propelled weapons and robots. The great powers are now committed to prepare a plan for disarmament in the Security Council and present it to a special session of the General Assembly.

FOR THIS, the Soviet Union is mainly responsible, having brushed aside various formal aspects of the question and forced the other powers to commit themselves to a general plan.

This process has been mistakenly interpreted as a series of concessions by the Soviet Union to the original position of the United States, as contained in the Baruch atom plan.

How erroneous this interpretation was shown by Senator Connally's stuttering in the final phases of the debate, when the Soviet spokesmen declared the veto power should not apply to inspection and control organs set up under the Security Council, once an agreement had been reached on their aims and functioning.

By raising still other obstacles, like control of propaganda and elimination of "wars of nerves," Secretary Byrnes displayed in his speech to the Assembly, that he was not too happy over the Soviet "concessions," which had led to the passage of the disarmament resolution.

IN ACTUAL FACT, something more important happened, than

Soviet concessions. From the moment the Soviet Union first presented to the Security Council its proposal for a survey of troops and bases abroad, and through the various stages of the debate in the General Assembly, the Soviet Union retained the initiative on the disarmament question.

Such concessions, that were made were mainly on matters of form and method. But each concession forced the American and British spokesmen to make further commitments on the essence of disarmament.

Thus the matter went, from stage to stage. The Soviet Union agreed to a survey of troops in the former enemy countries as well as in United Nations territory, as originally demanded. It agreed to inspection and control, under the Security Council. It agreed that the special disarmament commissions should not have the veto power, although the question of the veto in relation to punishment of violators is still pending. It even agreed to a survey of troops at home, providing this was linked to the problem of general disarmament.

It was this rapid and logical elimination of the problems which had been advanced as Soviet obstacles, that placed disarmament squarely on the laps of the United States and Britain.

THE GAP between words and deeds, between resolutions and actions, remains wide. This was shown by the action of the General Assembly itself, which passed the general disarmament resolution, but sidetracked the very concrete and immediate proposal for a survey of troops and bases abroad.

It is shown also by the failure of Byrnes in his speech to inform the world of the bases, ships, weapons, planes and other armament at the disposal of the half million American troops abroad. Not a word did he say about the size of our atomic arsenal.

But the disarmament question has been stripped of some of its camouflage. From here on it will not be so easy to practice deception.

PESTBROOK WIGLER, ROVING REPORTER



THE WIGLER TREE—Judah P. Wigler (1842-98), who held the horse for John Wilkes Booth when Booth made his getaway after shooting President Lincoln.

LABOR UNITY OR ELSE...

by George Morris

THE CORE OF THE three-day discussion and decisions of the recent plenary session of the Communist Party's National Committee was summed up by secretary

Eugene Dennis when he said in his report that progressives must strive:

"... to bring about the unity of action of the entire labor movement in alliance with all anti-fascist and democratic forces.

"This means that the single, most immediate problem now confronting the labor-progressive camp is to forge the broadest unity of action of the CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods around a common anti-monopoly program of struggle."

TRUE, THE SLOGAN of unity has always been put forward prominently by progressives in labor ranks. But the slogan is usually taken in routine stride as a good thing. Seldom is anything really done about it. The three-way labor division and disruptive rivalry between the labor organizations is taken for granted.

The main thought of the National Committee's reports—principally those of Dennis, John Williamson and William Z. Foster—was directed toward raising the issue of unity in a new way, to alarm the labor movement and blast it out of the feeling that division of union ranks is the accepted and ordinary thing in American life.

The enemies of labor have already done much to harm labor. The injunction against the coal miners; the much-publicized preparation for 80th Congress legislation to strangle labor unions, the scrapping of the housing program and almost the last vestige of pending progressive legislation, and the obvious preparation to resist new wage demands, point to what's in store.

The slogan as put forward by the party is: "United Labor Action or Else..." The slogan is the key to all objectives of the labor-progressive movement in the coming period because everything else depends upon it. Joint action by the three major sections of the labor movement would provide a backbone for the entire democratic camp and create a new situation.

THE CHANCE TO block repressive legislation would be tremendously strengthened. The possibility to pass sidetracked progressive measures would be greatly enhanced. Hopes for a prolonged peace would be bolstered. Those who carry forward the Roosevelt tradition would be bolstered.

This is the second of a series on the recent Communist Party national committee meeting. Tomorrow Max Gordon will deal with the political perspectives for 1948 as discussed at the meeting.

The prospects for a progressive victory in 1948 would brighten.

That the party's slogan is based on reality was well proven in developments during and after the plenary meeting. Both the CIO and AFL joined in the legal defense of the miners. Immediately after, CIO President Philip Murray sent his invitation to the AFL and Brotherhoods for joint action to meet the injunction menace and combat reactionary legislation.

Perhaps most indicative of the situation is the display of unity on a lower level, like the move in Detroit for a joint general protest strike and the one-day general strike that exploded in Oakland in protest against police strikebreaking. The working class is in a mood for fighting unity. And fighting unity is precisely the objective of the slogan as the Communists understand it.

IN THIS connection the session recognized several important weaknesses in the labor movement which the Communists must strive to overcome.

Foremost is the weakness of the AFL's progressive wing. This enables the top AFL leaders to collaborate with the most reactionary circles of monopoly capital. The National Committee meeting devoted a considerable part of its time to a special report and discussion on the situation in the AFL. A step-up of progressive activity among AFL members was put as the main objective. In this respect stress was put on development of broad issues such as would go beyond the narrow limits of circles identified with the AFL's "left." The campaign for acceptance of Murray's hand of unity should especially be emphasized.

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WORTH REPEATING

Press Item: "The Army has just announced the building of a plane that will take an atom bomb 10,000 miles, and come back." What the world needs is a plane that will take an atom bomb 100,000 miles and never come back.—From "Et Cetera" column in Frontpage, magazine of N. Y. Newspaper Guild.

— Press Roundup —

Herald Tribune Weeps Over Industry Loss

THE HERALD-TRIBUNE sheds tears for the number of man-hours and dollars lost in strikes since V-J Day. The Bureau of Labor Statistics figures the loss of wages amounts to \$1,206,000,000, which doesn't include the loss to nonstrikers caught in slowdowns and shutdowns. The Trib asks Murray to take all this into consideration in mapping new wage demands. But the Trib hardly took this into consideration when it was writing its anti-labor editorials against the strikers.

PM'S Max Lerner wonders why everybody is so shocked about learning that the championship football game was almost "fixed." That might be, he says, because Americans know that politicians and business are "seamy" but they are wishful that sports are clean. He points out, however, that sports is Big Business and so is gambling and that Big Money is so sweet and insistent a tune that "there will always be some who will not stop up their ears."

THE TIMES not only records history, it believes, but it also makes it. Or breaks it. The pompous paper is worried about the coming parley of the Big Four ministers in Moscow. Not whether it will succeed. The Times is concerned whether its correspondents will get full facilities for "adequate preliminary reports that will attempt to set the stage for the meeting." Translated, that means they want a room next door to John Foster Dulles. They warn that unless they can report day-to-day accounts of the meeting, it is doomed to failure.

THE SUN decries utopian dreams of low-cost housing for those who need it. Its solution to the housing crisis is: "As housing for rents at all levels is increased, vacancies will occur in older buildings and in tenements which, for the emergency, can be renovated quickly. As more building materials become available, much housing in need of remodeling will be improved, and new quarters thus made available. To argue, as do so many professional housing men, that new buildings must be erected for all veterans and others who need better homes is to confuse the issue. In the process of filling up new apartment houses where monthly rents will be \$80, \$100 and \$200, much housing now renting for much lower sums will be vacated."

THE POST asks the public to speak up against the sale of Big Inch and the Little Inch pipelines for gas transmission to private interests. The House Surplus Property Committee is behind the move to give it to the monopolists. "Unless we speak up now," comments the Post, "a political deal may be quietly closed, and we may never get Big Inch oil to give us lower prices and reliable fuel supply in spite of John L. Lewis."

THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN believes the atomic bomb is our "ace in the hole" against potential enemies and it makes no secret that it means the Soviet Union.

THE DAILY MIRROR discusses the requirements of a Superintendent of Schools and tells its readers to take more interest in the selection of a new superintendent now being considered.



Thunder-Proof: Little Johnny Floyd, 9, of Baltimore, tells his mother how it feels to have 13,000 volts of electricity pass through his body. His mother is offering him a glass of milk. Johnny received the electric shock while playing in a railroad yard. Physicians who treated him for burns say the shock was so great it "locked" his heart momentarily, saving him from electrocution.

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Atom Arguments

THREE points have stood out in the debate over how to control atomic energy and protect mankind from atom bomb warfare:

Should the veto apply to the Security Council's decision on what kind of control we are to have?

Should the veto apply to the activities of the control and inspection system once it gets started?

Should the veto apply to the Security Council's decision to take action against any alleged violator of the atom control plan?

It is a sign of the advance that has been made in reaching a common viewpoint between the USA and the Soviet Union that on the first two items there is agreement.

All agree that the "principle of unanimity" shall apply to the first point.

All agree that it should not apply to the day-to-day work in the second point.

But on whether the basic principle of the United Nations shall apply to the last point, there is still disagreement.

Mr. Baruch insists on a speedy vote in the atomic commission of the General Assembly favoring the end of unanimity in any decision for action against an alleged violator.

The Soviet delegate, asking for time to study the problem, and leaving the door open for an agreement, sticks to the idea that if the Big Powers are going to take action of a punitive kind against anybody, there should be unanimity among them on such a decision.

The idea here is that in controlling the atom, it is equally necessary to control it by preserving the unity of the big powers.

Otherwise, runs the argument, the new atom control may supersede the UN itself, and may be in danger of becoming the tool of one group against another, or against a single state.

The idea of unanimity is as much a safeguard for the USA as it is for the Soviet Union. Hence, it seems to us that Mr. Baruch is wrong in trying to drop it where it concerns sanctions against us.

No doubt, certain forces opposing the unanimity idea feel that they can later gang up against the Soviet Union thereby. But that would mean the peril of a reactionary war in which the American people have no interest.

Concern for our national welfare would then lead us to believe that the remaining item with regard to the atom can be best worked out on the principle of unanimity.

After all, unanimity is the guarantee of that peace which the American people fought for and fervently hope will last, despite the dreams of expansion among the brass hats and "the-world-is-ours" boys.

'Gifts' for Bilbo

THE little comedy of Bilbo's financial pickings as Senator goes on.

It seems that behind the terrorism of "white supremacy," Bilbo was handed peculiar kinds of gifts by certain gents who wanted war contracts. The gifts were contributions to a church and a parsonage. But somehow between the receiving of the contributions and the completing of the parsonage, for example, there still remains a mysterious gap.

Bilbo collected \$27,000 for a church fund. But somehow only he had access to the funds which have markedly declined in size.

Bilbo's unfitness for his Senate seat arises from the fact that he was never really elected. His "white supremacy" platform was not "picked" by the adult population of Mississippi; his "white supremacy" platform was a weapon of violence and terrorism against the Negro voters, on the one hand, and let us not forget, against the millions of poverty-stricken whites also.

He should not only be kicked out of the Senate, but, it seems to us, that Federal law-enforcing agencies should look into the question of prosecution in the affairs of this "white supremacy" bully.

HIJACK-IN-THE-BOX



Letters From Our Readers

New Dodge
To Break Law

Brooklyn

Editor, Daily Worker:

Out of the fertile brains of landlords, a new racket has sprung to nullify the New York State commercial rent law.

A corporation is formed, without a dollar's worth of goods to sell or a single employee, and it suddenly needs every loft and every store for "its own use." This "need" exempts only those already paying 100 percent to 200 percent higher than legal rents. If the panicky tenants sign a lease at double or triple the rent, their lofts will not be "needed."

ERNEST DEUTCH.

IWO Women
Salute Unity Plea

Bronx

Editor, Daily Worker:

The members of the Emma Lazarus Division 521 wish to add a word of recognition to the efforts made by Philip Murray toward labor unity. It is obvious that if labor does not achieve unity through wise leadership, the next Congress will be able to take away the gains made through the years.

What is not quite so obvious is that those who are now misled by most of the newspapers and radio commentators into setting labor on one side, management on the other, and poor Mr. Public in the middle, should be shown that their interests coincide with those of labor. White collar workers, teachers, farmers, small business and professional men and women suffer when labor suffers and advance when labor advances.

They should be shown that the enemies of labor's rights are their enemies too. They should notice that the Times and Tribune, to mention only two papers, are full of advertisements of things that only wealthy people can buy; that the top 30 percent of the income classes hold nearly all of the income of wage and salary earners; that mythical "free enterprise" still fools plenty of people.

Where are the men of organized and creative good-will who will brave red-baiting to bring understanding and achieve a wider unity among us?

YETTA METZ, President,
Emma Lazarus Division, IWO



WASHINGTON NOTES THE FABLE OF THE BI-PARTISAN FOXES

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON.

GATHER 'ROUND ME, children, and I will tell you a story—or shall we say fable, because my story has indeed a moral. Once upon a time there was a farm on which lived a very fine, large

flock of fowls. The hens were so fat they wobbled as they walked, and quite a large number were surrounded by lively, scratchy, chirpy little chicks. The roosters were sleek and proud and crowded most of the day.

The flock was happy and secure for years now it had escaped the depredations of the foxes and weasels who inhabited the forest just beyond the great, green meadow. Security was due mainly to one rooster, old Franklin D. Chanticleer who during his many years as leader of the flock worked out an excellent system for its protection.

But at length Chanticleer went to his rest, to be succeeded in his responsible post by Harry Barred Rock. Old Barred Rock pledged himself to preserve the protective measures of Chanticleer, and that made the chickens happy, for they knew that in recent months the fox population in the nearby forest had considerably increased.

"TO PROVE I mean business, I hereby appoint young Wilson Wyandotte as my special assistant to check our security arrangements," announced Barred Rock. Wyandotte was a very able, energetic young bird and after looking deeply into the matter he was disturbed.

"Unless we tighten up here and there, we can expect trouble," he told Barred Rock. "An emergency exists."

"Hmm," muttered Barred Rock. "This calls for further study. I shall confer with a large committee, and then make my findings public."

Weeks elapsed before Barred Rock called a meeting of the entire flock.

"I have conferred with my committee," he said, "and I am now ready to report. I am determined that a vigorous security program shall be carried out. Therefore I

have signed Executive Order No. two dozen as follows:

"Henceforth, the chicken roosts now six feet above the ground shall be lowered to six inches above same ground. The door to the poultry which has heretofore been closed shall be open from 6 p.m. until sunrise. The gate leading to the great green meadow shall be left slightly ajar.

"The Rhode Island Red hen who is always clucking about the danger of preying animals shall be banished. And our master's old red hound who barks a warning when the little foxes come shall be chained in the cowbarn. As you know, I feel there is more danger from that hound than from foxes."

OLD BARRED ROCK'S announcement was greeted with a stunned and bewildered silence. Young Wilson Wyandotte turned his back and departed. Rhode Island Red spoke up.

"Pray tell us, Honorable Barred Rock, whence come these astounding proposals?"

"Oh, I didn't think them all up myself," replied the leader, modestly. "I had a little help."

"Indeed," said RI Red, "and who gave up this sterling advice?"

"My committee," replied Barred Rock, "it included Reynard Fox, John Weasel, Walter Wolf and Representative Rat. As you know, this was only proper, because, on Nov. 5, they won the election."

And that, dear children, is how Mr. Truman determined his new housing program, by listening to the vultures of the real estate industry who fatten on the scarcity of homes, on high rents and enormous building profits.

Inflammable

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 18.—Santa Claus' flowing white whiskers are a fire hazard, an association of insurance agents warned today.



Yugoslav Tells UN Of Greek Violations

Special to the Daily Worker

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 18.—Greek charges against its neighbors boomeranged yesterday as Yugoslavia presented a detailed account of Greek monarchist responsibility for border disturbances and civil war before the United Nations Security Council.

However, the United States representative, Herschel V. Johnson, proposed that the Council send a commission to investigate the situation in the Balkan countries.

Yugoslavia's Savo Kosanovich, cited a long list of German and Italian quislings who were armed by the Greek government and who organized provocations on the Greek-Yugoslav border.

Kosanovich presented to the chairman, Herschel Johnson, a list of 300 officers who had fought in the German army and are now officers of the Greek army and police.

Seated across from Kosanovich was Greek representative Vassili Dendramis. The Greek representative said that Kosanovich had referred to a New York Times dispatch by C. L. Sulzberger as coming from Athens rather than Belgrade.

Kosanovich pointed out that wherever the dispatch came from it had been deliberately misquoted by Greek Ambassador Tsaldaris when he presented his charges against his neighbors. Sulzberger's dispatch had quoted Marshal Tito as saying that he would seek to settle any disputes with Greece, strictly within the framework of the United Nations. Tsaldaris had cited the article to prove the opposite, that Tito would act against Greece.

While the original charges had been presented by Greece, against Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia, it was the last three countries who presented documented accounts of border violations by the Greek armed forces.

In the course of his indictment, Kosanovich cited the exhibits which Tsaldaris had brought from Greece to present to the Security Council. This included a trunk containing a Finnish and a Russian gun. Such arms are strewn all over Europe, the Yugoslav stated. This is the kind of evidence the Greek government presents, he said, and raising his hands he declared: "As the Americans would say: 'I ask you gentlemen!'"

He concluded his statement with

the remark that it is, "Great Britain, whose authority enables Mr. Tsaldaris to remain in power."

At this stage of the discussion, after the Greek delegate replied that he could, but wouldn't answer the Yugoslav charges at that time, Johnson proposed the setting up of

an investigating commission. This commission would consist of the five permanent members of the Security Council (U. S., Great Britain, France, China, USSR) plus Poland and Brazil.

The Council adjourned and decided to continue discussion of the U. S. motion at 10:30 this morning.

AVC at Oklahoma U. Condemns Red-Baiting

NORMAN, Okla., Dec. 18.—The Oklahoma University chapter of the American Veterans Committee rejected the Communist witch-hunt resolution approved last month by the AVC's National Planning Committee, and instead passed a resolution condemning red-baiting "as a reactionary, splitting tactic, whether it comes from outside the AVC or from within our ranks."

"As members of a liberal veteran organization," the chapter said, "we welcome support of any organization or person who sincerely endeavors to assist us in achieving our objectives, and we will oppose any attempt to use AVC in objectives other than those approved by the membership."

The chapter's refusal to pass the NPC's resolution resulted in the resignation of their chairman, Ben Blackstock, who charged that Communist influence existed in the chapter.

In answer to Blackstock's charges, a statement was approved by the chapter's executive board declaring that the group "never has adopted any program other than a militant progressive fight for the rights of

Ferdinand the Bandit
OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 18.—Somewhere in Oakland there must be a frustrated bandit.

The would-be robber, described as about 23 years old, ran into a series of reluctant victims last night.

When he shoved his revolver into the ribs of Pearl Pershaw, 31, and her companion, Ann Gomez, 26, the two women told him to "go find some men to pick on."

His next victim, an elderly man, whanged him over the head with a telephone book.

Forcing his way into the automobile of Willie F. Oborhansli, 62, the bandit took out his gun and said, "I'm sorry I have to do this to you."

"I'm sorry too," said Oborhansli as he drove his car into a telephone pole, plummeting the bandit against the windshield.

The bandit fled.

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AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 18.—District Court Judge Roy C. Archer held today that Herman Marlon Sweat, a Houston Negro, should not be admitted to the University of Texas law school.

In a decision on Sweat's appeal from a lower court, Archer held that a proposed law school for Negroes at Houston would provide training "substantially equivalent" to that offered in the university. The decision will be appealed.

Rooming House Fire Kills 3 in Detroit

DETROIT, Dec. 18.—Three persons were killed and a fourth injured in a fire which destroyed a two-story rooming house near downtown Detroit.

Suffocated in their beds were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stincel, of Hamilton, O., and Charles Conrad, 74, Detroit. Mrs. Ernest Holm, who helped rout other sleepers from the flaming building, suffered a burned arm.

Child Dies Declining Preview of Santa

DUNN, N. C., Dec. 18.—Nine-year-old Myrtle Ann Draughon's neatly wrapped Christmas presents remained unopened today because she did not want them opened until Christmas.

Myrtle Ann suffering from a disease which defied diagnosis died yesterday.

Urge Truman Aid Refugees

Stating that "very little has been done or is being done by the United States to meet its responsibilities" to Jewish displaced persons in Europe, the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has started a campaign for signatures to a special postcard addressed to President Harry S. Truman urging "immediate entry of 100,000 Jewish displaced persons into the United States."

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Ask Annual Wage for Dress Cutters

By AL AFTERMAN

Members, Cutters Local 10

At a recent meeting of AFL Ladies Garment Workers Local 10, Manager Isidore Nagler displayed his usual contempt for the membership by permitting only one cutter five minutes to discuss demands to be presented in negotiations for a new dress agreement. No one else was permitted to speak.

In every democratic union the members not only have the opportunity of discussing demands but are urged by the union leadership to do so. Not so in Local 10. Instead threats and intimidation are used to stifle expressions from the membership.

The demands, as formulated by Nagler and the Executive Board do not meet the post-war needs of the cutters. The proposed demands are:

- Cost-of-living wage raises.
- Health and vacation fund.
- Retirement fund.

On the surface these demands look good but a closer analysis reveals they do not meet the cutters' needs. The press speaks of a 20 percent increase. How will that affect the cutters?

In addition to facing a rising cost of living, cutters' work is seasonal. During the war work was steady. Now, however, overtime has practically vanished and layoffs have begun.

During the war cutters' wages were not high and, as week workers, their wages were frozen. The

union got two wage raises which amounted to about \$10 a week. Whatever additional increases were obtained were due to individual efforts.

I, for the rank and file, proposed that the union demand:

1. A guaranteed annual wage.
2. Raise dress cutters' wages to that of the cloak cutters.
3. Two weeks' vacation written into the agreement.

With the 20 percent increase the union is asking, our earnings will still be less than they were last year. Obviously this does not meet the rising cost of living.

The proposal for a **guaranteed annual wage** is the only one that attempts to meet the problem. This will afford some degree of security to the dress cutter and is at the same time modest and realizable.

A recent government survey showed that guaranteed annual wages are possible in all industries, including those of a seasonal character.

The second proposal is to raise our weekly wages to that of the cloak cutters. There is a difference of about \$15 a week, with no valid reason for this situation. Both dress and cloak cutters are doing the same work and possess equal skills.

The only answer Brother Nagler gives on this question is a barrage of red-baiting. But red-baiting answers nothing and, in this case, it hides an unwillingness to deal with the problem.

As a result of their own efforts the dress cutters got two weeks vacation with pay. Now that it is proposed to include the cutters under the general health and va-

cation fund, we stand to lose those two weeks but, instead to get \$40 or \$50 for vacations as do the other crafts.

As it has become a general practice to give 2 weeks vacation with pay, it should be written into the agreement. The health fund contribution should be paid separately to the union.

Nagler, in an hour-long speech and using unprintable language, attacked these proposals as aimed to ruin the union and drive the industry out of town. The charge that it would ruin the union is ridiculous and irresponsible on the face of it. It is inconceivable that a union leader should argue that security for the worker means breaking the union. On the contrary, it would strengthen the union.

The industry can very well afford to meet these moderate demands. In 1940 it did \$344,000,000 business and employed 85,000 workers. In 1945 this increased to

\$680,000,000 with 72,000 workers; an increase of 100 percent in business with a decrease of 15 percent in number of workers. This was due to the terrific speed-up and productivity of the dress workers.

3 Dead, 200 Homeless In Mass. Fire

BROOKLINE, Mass., Dec. 18. — Three persons were killed, six others were injured and about 200 were forced to flee when fire destroyed a lodging house and threatened several apartment buildings today.

The dead were: Mrs. Thelma Starrett, 47, Rupert Lewis, 28, and his brother Robert Lewis, 22.

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LABOR UNITY

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cially prove attractive—even to many officials of AFL unions.

A second serious weakness noted were the inroads made by the red-baiters who are now concentrating their efforts in the CIO. Red-baiting is the principal weapon of reaction to disrupt labor by concentration of fire on those in its ranks who are most progressive and most active for labor unity. It is a means of keeping the CIO and AFL apart. Dennis said that the red-baiting offensive is "not so much a sign of strength as it is a serious weakness and desperation on the part of the trusts." It is a device through which the corporations, their press and stooges "are actually intervening in the internal life of the CIO," Dennis added.

He further pointed out that by raising the issue of Communism as an ideological "difference" in the CIO, the enemies of labor were covering up their own injection of "alien ideology within the unions, the class ideology of the NAM, U. S. Steel and the dupes."

THUS AS DENNIS put it, the tables should be turned upon the reactionaries: the unionist should be shown that the real carriers of an ideology alien to the working class are the red-baiters.

A third serious weakness is the success the trusts have been having recently, especially in the election campaign, in winning away sections of labor's natural allies. By capitalizing upon the confusion they sowed among the farm, middle class and small business people, the corporations may well succeed in blocking wage raises and in their drive to pass labor-baiting laws. Strengthening of labor's alliance with other anti-trust sections of the population was set as another major objective.

Dennis said the "key link to accomplishing this alliance is for labor to provide a clear-cut answer and practical leadership to solve the acute economic problems now confronting the vast majority of the American people."

Thus, as the Communists view the situation, the general orientation for progressives today is guided principally by the objective of labor and progressive unity.

SYNDICATE REAPED \$25 MILLION

A nation-wide football gambling syndicate reaped a \$25,000,000 profit this past season, according to a United Press story yesterday revealing results of an investigation by Federal agents in Chicago.

The syndicate's operations threaten to "contaminate" intercollegiate football. They said the attempt to bribe members of the New York Giants professional football team was "inevitable," and warned that similar overtures might be made in the future to college stars.

Investigations said the syndicate's nerve center was Chicago, its leaders, they said, "included gambling overlords who rose to power during the underworld rule of Scarface Al Capone."

The syndicate's profits were estimated by Assistant U. S. District Attorney Maurice J. Walsh, who has conducted many investigations into lotteries and other forms of gambling. The estimate of \$25,000,000 was termed "conservative," however by Virgil Peterson, secretary of the Chicago Crime Commission.

Walsh said that the syndicate is known to be operating a well-organized tip service. Scouts who are well qualified for the job keep a close watch over major teams during daily practice sessions, Walsh said, and relay information to the syndicate. This information, he said, is the basis for the odds set by the syndicate on "parlay cards" distributed to the public.

SPORTS

In this corner

An Inside View Of
Payoff Racket
By Bill Mardo

QUIET FLOWS the story. The real story, I mean, of the current grid scandal. Why such silence about the widely known practice of gamblers paying protection money to members of "New York's Finest"? While newspapers scream the sins of Alvin Paris and his blood-sucking bigger brothers, the real villains are laughing up their gold-striped braids.

Top ranking detectives are getting paid off from the booking syndicates and lesser outfits as regularly as they draw their Civil Service paychecks. You'd be surprised how systematic and thorough is this corruption.

I had occasion recently to be told the workings, second-hand, of the police payoff racket. A fellow I know who drives a news-truck for Mister Hearst got fed up with his low income bracket. That, plus the prospect of another kid coming soon, made him say the hell-with-it-all. It's me for the big money lying around in the hands of suckers. His years of truckdriving throughout the city had supplied him with many contacts and he put it to work. He got in touch with a young detective who once directed traffic on one of his newspaper routes, and told him he wanted to make book. The truck driver had no reason to fear telling a cop of his plans because very often when he got through at night with his newspaper chores, he worked extra hours as a sheet-writer for some of the bigger bookies in town. That experience taught my friend the doings of the payoff racket and when he decided to take a crack at booking he knew he'd need police protection.

So the young dick said he'd think about it and let the truck driver know later whether or not he'd be able to put his few thousand dollars saved over the years into the bookmaking business. Surely you know why the detective needed time to "think it over." He had to discuss this new prospective source of income with the other members of his plain-clothes squad. Recommend him, check on him, discuss how much they'd milk him for, how it would be split, square it with the detectives higher up, etc.

But sure enough, the news-driver was told several weeks later that he was "in." He was even told where he could rent a vacant store to operate from. Now the first thing any small would-be bookie needs is a place where he can receive his clientele and install a radio for the race results. A few phony posters and maybe a display of greeting cards in the window makes the store look perfectly innocent from the outside. Of course there isn't a birthday card to be bought inside, because nobody ever gets in unless he's a recommended better.

So the ex-news driver rented the store and opened for business. He had to give his detective friend a sizable sum for squaring it with the rest of the squad and the overseers higher-up. In addition to that he was told the monthly bite for the entire squad would be \$350—as a starter. As the booking business grew, his protection fee would have to be upped proportionately. The news-driver was ready to begin.

He had no more than \$3,000 capital. When from that he deducted his store rent, the munificent tip to his detective chum, plus the monthly fee for the entire squad, in advance, please, the new bookie soon discovered that making a financial killing wasn't the picnic he anticipated. He had to take only the smaller bets from \$50 down, because in case he got hit hard by a couple of long-shot winners he wouldn't have the dough to pay off with. But he got along. Of course he was slightly unhappy about how many times his detective "contact" came around to the house on Saturday nights to be wine and dined and entertained.

And he got unhappier everytime he learned that his protection ante was being raised because some plain-clothes squads from outlying districts heard of the new operator and demanded a piece of the payoff to keep in line.

To make this sordid story short, the ex-truckdriver was out of business in three months. How come? The Police Department was ordered to put on another of its showy vice-raids. As usual, to make things look on the up and up for newspaper headline-readers and the unsuspecting public, some bookies had to be closed down. But only the teeny-weeny ones, mind you. It's never profitable to raid the bigtime syndicates because look how much graft money those corrupt elements in the Police Department would be losing!

P.S. One week before the cops knew they were going to put the aforementioned small operator out of business, they raised his ante again. After he kicked in with that latest "bite," he was soon informed that he'd have to close shop until things in the department cooled off.

The sadly disillusioned bookie is again driving a news-truck for Mister Hearst. To pick up some extra dough, he's back sheet-writing in the wee hours of the morning for the million dollar syndicates.

These big boys are never touched by the "raids," y'know.

Brooklyn to Meet Negro U. On Court, Grid

Lincoln University, Negro college of Lincoln, Pa., and Brooklyn College have arranged a basketball series to be started with a game at Lincoln Feb. 19. The next year's game will be at Brooklyn. The two are also working out a football meeting, most probably for 1948.

CCNY Meets Toughest Foe

City College, with six straight victories including Garden verdicts over Idaho, Montana and Westminster, meets a team reputed to be its stiffest foe yet tonight in the Garden.

The team is Bowling Green, winners of 11 straight including a vic-

WE PICK:
CCNY over Bowling Green.
Louisiana over St. Francis.
(RECORD: 13 right, one wrong.)

tory over powerful Western Kentucky, which has most of its tournament pre-war stars back.

Mac Otten, brother of the graduated Don, stands 6-6 and is a high scorer. Behind him in the starting lineup are men of 6-5½, 6-4 and 6-2, giving them a height edge over City.

Though the City lineup has changed from week to week, sure starters tonight are Trubowitz, Schmones, Shapiro and Dambrot, with the fifth coming from Galber, Malamed, Jameson and Benson, all of whom will see considerable service in any event.

In the opener, St. Francis of Brooklyn, which played well in dropping a 50-42 decision to NYU, meets a strong Louisiana State team

NYU's Tanenbaum Is All American

By Lester Rodney

The Arkansas coach said it all yesterday: "I doubt if there's any two better college basketball players in America than NYU's Tanenbaum and Forman." New York court fans

have known about Tanenbaum for three years. Even before he left 'em gasping at the Garden Tuesday night with his all around brilliance, feeding, floorplay and incidental 21 points, we had written: "If there's a better basketball player in America we'd sure like to see him."

As for Forman, it's impossible to pay a tribute to his spectacular driving layups (20 points Tuesday) without reflecting additional glory on Tanenbaum, for as Forman himself will be the first to point out, a good percentage of his points come as a direct result of Tanenbaum passes.

Those who knew the NYU personnel were not unduly worried at Arkansas' 27-21 halftime lead. The Violet ensemble is not only loaded with class and savvy, but like all Cann teams is superbly conditioned and can generally run the opposition into the ground in the last ten minutes.

Big Adolph Schayes, fooled by bigger John Kok in the first half, was still going strong, grabbing rebounds and feeding well, when his 6-10 opponent was gasping for breath on the bench.

Sixth man Kelly looked better than at any previous time and Leggatt had a chance to show that he will be of help. NYU is not as unusually deep as CCNY but is deep enough considering its ability to keep running.

For anyone who doesn't know the score at this late date it was 67-46, which means a second half score of 48-19 in NYU's favor. And Arkansas is a good team.

They're already talking of the

On the Nose!

With the naming of Texas' upset victory over LIU and NYU's defeat of Arkansas Tuesday, the Daily Worker went way out front in picking the winners of the Garden basketball games with a record of 13 out of 14.

How do we do it? Simple. We take courses in the Jefferson School.

March climax meeting of NYU and CCNY in terms of the Army-Notre Dame football game. It's a little early for that, powerful as both teams undoubtedly are. NYU for instance still must meet Oregon, Colorado, a great UCLA team, SMU, Duke, North Carolina, Colgate, Manhattan, Notre Dame and St. John's, in that order. If it can be made through that deal unbroken it can be called the wonder basketball team of recent times.

LIU NOT CLICKING

It seems strange to express disappointment in a team that beat as good a team as Oklahoma A&M and lost by one point to impressive, unbeaten Texas. But LIU, nosed out 47-46 Tuesday in the Garden opener, is a disappointment.

RADIO

6:00-WNBC—News; Music
WOR—Frank Kingdon, Comment
WJZ—News—Harry Marble
WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News; Music to Remember
6:15-WNBC—Serenade to America
WOR—Bob Mason, Interviews
WJZ—Ehrl and Albert
WQXR—In My Opinion
6:30-WOR—News—Fred Vandevanter
WJZ—Allen Prescott
WCBS—Sports—Red Barber
WMCA—Racing Results
WQXR—Dinner Concert
6:40-WNBC—Sports—Bill Stern
6:45-WNBC—Lowell Thomas
WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Lawrence and Marley
WCBS—Robert Trout, News
WMCA—Sports Resume
7:00-WNBC—Supper Club Variety
WOR—Fulton Lewis Jr., Comment
WJZ—Headline Edition
WCBS—Mystery of the Week
WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News; Celebrity Hall
7:15-WNBC—News of the World
WOR—The Answer Man
WJZ—Raymond Swing, News
WCBS—Jack Smith Show
WMCA—Five-Star Final
7:30-WNBC—Dennis Day Show
WOR—Arthur Hale
WJZ—Professor Quiz
WCBS—Mr. Keen—FFlay
WMCA—Raymond Walsh, Comment
WQXR—Record Rarities
7:45-WOR—Sports—Bill Brandt
WMCA—Fashions in Melody
WHN—Johannes Steel
8:00-WNBC—The Aldrich Family
WOR—Sound Off—Mark Warnow
WJZ—Lum n' Abner
WCBS—Suspense—Play
WMCA—News; UN Records
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
8:15-WJZ—Erwin D. Canham, News
8:30-WNBC—Burns and Allen, Comedy
WOR—Count of Monte Cristo
WJZ—Town Meeting
WCBS—FBI in Peace and War
WMCA—Recorded Music
8:55-WCBS—Bill Henry, News
9:00-WNBC—Music Hall
WOR—Gabriel Heatter
WCBS—Dick Haynes Show
WMCA—Labor Arbitration Forum
WQXR—News; Concert Hall
9:15-WOR—Neal Skeries
9:30-WNBC—Jack Haley Show
WOR—Treasure Hour of Song
WJZ—Sammy Kaye Show

11:00-WNBC—News; Music
WOR—News; Dance Music
WJZ—WCBS—News; Music
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Symphony Hour
11:30-WNBC—The Story of Music
WCBS—Julliard School Concert
12:00-WNBC, WJZ—News; Music
WOR, WCBS, WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News Reports

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ART
TodayAbstract And
★ Social Art
At the Whitney

by Marion Summers

This year's Whitney Museum Annual Exhibition of Contemporary American Painting is the best in recent memory. The quality of the individual works is high and the general impression given is that American art has a great deal of variety and a good deal of vitality.

Years ago the Whitney was the stronghold of the "American Scene" painters, but even before the war it was evident that the Whitney was turning toward the abstract and the non-objective. Now it seems the directors of the museum's policy have caught up with the dominant trend in the art market and have gone all out for the more radical movements. The New York Times reviewer was struck by the "leftist" (evidently esthetic and not political) tendency of the present exhibition.

SOCIAL REALISTS

The curious fact is that the show, though it is overwhelmingly abstract or semi-abstract, still for some unexplainable reason features the social realists. The main room of the exhibition is given over to five pictures, each with a specific social content. The artists represented are George Grosz, Stefan Hirsch, Philip Evergood, Robert Gwathmey and Giorgio Prestopino.

The Grosz painting, Peace No. 2, from his recent show, is a desolate scene of destruction and terror executed in unpleasant pasty colors. The Stefan Hirsch, called Nuremberg, is a color-laden painting of the war-wrecked German city with its cathedral towering over the mass of shattered houses. It is an over-dramatic hard and trite picture which depends for effect on hard, bright color.

The triumvirate of Evergood, Gwathmey and Prestopino presents a striking display of social realism. Each has an individual and unmistakable style. Evergood's apocalyptic vision of the atom bomb is arresting and gruesome. The whole world seems to be exploding into a gaping, bloody ruin, while a horde of gestulating apes hold forth in frenzied animation. The picture is a bitter and furious indictment of atom-bomb diplomacy.

Gwathmey's Across the Tracks is the best in a series of studies he has done of Negro life in the shanty towns of America. Here in an interesting abstract pattern he has represented the rickety shacks of the poor Negro workers. But it is not simply esthetic juggling. The people and their activities are painted with sensi-

tivity and understanding. "Prestopino's Supper in Bethlehem is an intimate glimpse of working-class life seen with warmth and rendered with a kind of rich simplicity.

POIGNANT ART

In another room a moving canvas by Ben Shahn, called Brotherhood, is one of the highlights of the show. Shahn handles a poignant scene of reunion with reticence, yet with impressive strength. He seems to be growing ever clearer and more emotional. He has developed a unique ability to invest oft-used symbols with new meaning. The sharp, acid tones of his palette act as an astringent to the sentimentality of his subjects, and he can transform triteness into an unforgettable moment of experience.

An added, though not entirely legitimate, lustre is given the show by a group of foreign artists who, because they are at present living in the U.S., are included in the lists of American art. Among these are Marc Chagall, Eugene Berman, Salvador Dali, Max Ernst, Matta Moholy-Nagy, Amadee Ozenfant, Ruffino Tamayo, Yves Tanguy and Pavel Tchelichew. Of these, Chagall is represented by a lush fantasy, Berman by a sensitive romantic portrait and Tamayo by a brilliantly painted distortion of humanity. On the debit side are Tchelichew's amorphous glob of running red called Air Anemone and Ozenfant's catastrophic failure to revive classicism.

It is impossible in this space to mention all the worthy pictures among the 170 works included in the show, or to put the finger on the weak sisters. The important point to note is that the Whitney Museum, in its belated rush to join the abstract parade, has unceremoniously brushed off even its former white-haired boy, Thomas Benton. But even while changing its course to ride with the tide, the Whitney has inadvertently featured a growing movement in American art—social realism, which is rapidly gaining in stature and may soon outstrip the presently favored abstractionists.

Good Christmas Gift

The Nature of Capitalism, by Anna Rochester has just been issued in a new cloth-covered edition (International Publishers, 96 pages; \$1). Anna Rochester is the author of Rulers of America, Why Farmers Are Poor and other books.

Habits of Book Readers, Buyers

By Samuel Sillen

SOME interesting facts about book reading and buying habits were assembled in a recent survey by the Washington Post. The newspaper polled a cross-section of Washington's 665,000 residents.

Local booksellers were consulted as well as officials of the District's Public Library.

The most interesting fact, as summarized by Publisher's Weekly, "is the observation of booksellers and librarians alike that the Negro reading interests are somewhat more serious than those of white residents."

Washington is a Jimcrow town. Negroes are not exactly encouraged to use the libraries and bookshops. Yet the survey shows that they have more serious reading interests than the rest of the population.

HOME READING

This testimony of the booksellers and librarians checks with another fact revealed by the survey. Brentano's recently established a mail rental library in Washington. It is called the Home Reading Club. Since the books are sent to subscribers through the mails, the barriers of social discrimination are removed. It is significant that Negroes comprise 40 percent of the club's

membership—it is estimated that Negroes make up approximately 28 percent of all families in the nation's capital.

Thus, the Washington Post survey shows that there is not only a hunger for books on the part of Negro readers, but that in general they have more serious interests than Washington's white readers.

What does this do to the stupid lies about the intellectual "inferiority" of Negroes? When, I wonder, did Bilbo last read a book?

Other interesting items were uncovered by the survey. The record on the whole is far from proud. It does not appear, for instance, that we are a nation of book readers. Of all adult residents interviewed, only 36 percent claimed to have read at least one book during the summer.

Of the books read, 34 percent had been purchased, 26 percent borrowed from friends, 18 percent obtained through book clubs, 14 percent drawn from rental libraries, and 5 percent taken from the Public Library.

The small figure for Public Library borrowings is worth noting. Washington has a population of 665,000. Only 33,000 people visited the public library last year. Almost four times as many books come from book clubs as from libraries.

This suggests, first of all, that the public libraries do not at present conduct a campaign of public education that holds a candle to the high pressure publicity and promotional campaigns of the book clubs. Is the modern city dweller beginning to look on the public library as a pile of forbidding stone inherited from the 19th Century?

The fight to have public libraries was one of the big crusades of the early labor movement in America. The reading public today is not library-conscious. And this is too bad, I think. The habit of depending on book club choices is getting to be a disease. Reading a book because Clifton Fadiman thinks you ought to read it is hardly the way to cultivate literary judgment and taste. The packaged product approach seems more appropriate for BC headache powders than for books.

But the public libraries are no doubt at fault, too—or at least the city fathers who make up the library budgets. Most libraries, operating on meager funds, are

hopelessly out of touch with current reading interests. Or older reading interests for that matter. My local library had exactly one copy of one novel of Balzac when I made a rush visit the other day in connection with a review I was doing of Stefan Zweig's Balzac.

But then perhaps it is unnecessary to have Balzac in the library since everybody and his sister is too busy reading the book about Balzac upon which the Book-of-the-Month Club has bestowed its stamp of immortality.

Young People's
Concert in Bronx

The Neighborhood Music School will give a concert for young people at Public School 96, Olinville and Waring Aves., this Saturday, Dec. 21, at 4 p.m. The performers include Bob Claiborne, folk singer with guitar, and Mura Denn and dance group in a jazz ballet, "Animal Circus," by Anne Dodge. Tickets at the Neighborhood Music School, 2914 Cruger Ave., Bronx 67.

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Nab Syndicate Man; Deny Bail To Alvin Paris

A member of a New Jersey gambling syndicate was taken into custody as a material witness last night in the investigation into the attempt to "fix" last Sunday's National League professional football championship playoff.

With "front man" Alvin J. Paris held without bail because of an alleged threat to his life, detectives arrested Jerry Zarowitz, 36, described by police as a "big-time" gambler connected with a New Jersey syndicate said to have backed Paris in an attempt to bribe two Giant players.

Zarowitz, who had been "tailed" for three days after it was found that he had made numerous telephone calls to Paris, was held in \$10,000 bail as a material witness.

James O'Leary of the District Attorney's office said the police understood Zarowitz was connected with the New Jersey syndicate but that he was not a principal figure.

FAVOR TO PARIS

Special Sessions Justice Francis Valente earlier denied bail for Paris pending his trial on bribery charges. His action upheld the prosecution's argument that Paris' life would be in danger if he went free. It also took care of the keen desire of police to keep the 28-year-old book-maker free from outside influence.

"The release of the defendant may be fraught with great danger to himself," Justice Valente said.

Defense counsel Caesar Barra was bitter outside of court later.

"I have never gotten such a run-around in 45 years," he said. "The testimony on which Paris is being held is anonymous, hearsay, and not binding."

The prosecution's argument was based on a reported telephone call yesterday to Capt. Raymond McGuire, detective who got credit for "cracking" the case. The anonymous caller reportedly told McGuire:

"You better watch your witnesses. They're gonna be killed." Barra objected that neither the caller nor any other witness came forward today to testify that Paris was in danger.

Justice Valente refused to release Paris in custody of his mother or to let her take the witness stand.

"I do not see why she should be subjected to this great mental strain," he said.

MORE MYSTERY

A mystery element which nobody could explain, except perhaps as the work of a crank, turned up in a telegram received by Barra. As read in court by the attorney, the wire said:

"Wait for phone call, very important. I bought some pigskins for \$5,000 from A. P. Would suggest you wait for a call tomorrow so I can meet you somewhere in New York."

The telegram was signed, "McGuire."

"I am mystified by this wire, but I am convinced it is either a hoax or a frameup," Barra said.

Police still were hunting gamblers they said had been named during phone conversations to the West End Ave. apartment Paris shared

with Matty Ginsberg. The phone wire was tapped prior to Paris' arrest Sunday night.

One man was picked up early this morning and questioned for five hours, but later released. His name was not given.



SYDNEY PARIS, former bucket shop operator and father of Alvin J. Paris, is shown leaving a police station enroute for questioning by the D.A. Paris said he'd back his son, innocent or guilty.

WHITE HOUSE ADVISERS ADMIT 'DIP' POSSIBLE

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take heroic measures of public works, consumer or producer subsidies to quicken employment or stimulate production."

"Conditions present the possibility, for a people who know how to use them, of great prosperity in 1947," the report said.

Nevertheless, the report continued, "it is easy to visualize such a mishandling of our economic affairs as might make 1947 a year of curtailed production, irregular employment and unsatisfactory purchasing power."

At this point it spoke vaguely of "misunderstanding and tension" to which it attributes many of the forecasts of recession.

President Truman, perhaps unintentionally, explained what the government has in mind. The outlook for 1947 is good and will continue good, he said, if we could get people to go to work. He recalled that he had made that same statement on several previous occasions.

A reporter reminded him that on those occasions, workers were on

strike. "Do you mean the outlook is good if people stay at work?" The President was asked.

Truman said yes, that nobody wants strikes in '47 and that none of the recent strikes were necessary.

While stressing their favorable outlook for '47, the Council report pointed out that present prosperity is due to the backlog of consumer purchases deferred during the war and the reconversion period. "Everybody without a house or a car wants one this year," the report said.

SEE EVENTUAL DROP

But automobiles last eight to ten years and houses much longer. "Hence the very industries," the report warns, "which feature the prosperity of the moment could, if nothing is done, be expected to drop to a replacement basis after a few years."

The danger of deep depression, therefore, arises from this process, and unless "semi-luxuries" are made available to a majority of the people, there is trouble ahead for the national economy.

Mayor Gets Airport Development Plan

By Michael Singer

An airport development program to cover the leasing, financing, construction and operation of LaGuardia, Idlewild and Floyd Bennett Fields here for 99 years to cost \$191,000,000 was submitted to Mayor O'Dwyer yesterday by the Port of New York Authority. The 45-page report gave a graphic picture of New York's future as the air center of the world.

The program submitted by Howard S. Cullman, Authority chairman calls for the city to get one-half of the revenue totalling \$51,000,000 for the first 50 years. The program will be financed by the Authority which will issue bonds.

The Authority informed the New York City Commissioners it was willing to reopen discussion for the operation and administration of New York Airport on the same basis as that offered New York City. New York commissioners will meet with the Authority on Jan. 7, 1947 to take up the proposals.

The report rejected the original on a downtown street here yesterday. The thief took four New Testaments, 600 doctrinal illustrations, and a book of Sunday School les-

Caraway Sentenced to Die; Attorney Says He'll Appeal

MINEOLA, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Ward Beecher Caraway was sentenced today to die in the Sing Sing electric chair, during the first week of January, 1947, for the murder of Mrs. Marjorie Church Logan. James D. C. Murray, court-appointed counsel, told the Daily Worker he would appeal.

When Judge Henry J. A. Collins asked him the usual question as to whether there was "any reason why sentence should not be pronounced," Caraway refused to answer. James D. C. Murray, his court-appointed counsel, rose and told the judge that Caraway "understood that death was mandatory . . . isn't that right



by BARNARD RUBIN

WALTER WINCHELL being taken for a sucker by a jerk who was kicked out of the Communist Party leadership years ago by disgusted Party members. Subsequently, this character earned a Judas living by stooging for Hearst. Then he started to feed Winchell all those red-baiting items he's using. Checkups have shown every item purely fictional and complete balderdash. However, Winchell prints them as gospel truth. The stooge's name—Jay Lovestone. . .

Bert Lahr and Arthur Hopkins feuding over the former's lead role in *Burlesque*. Lahr wants to play it broad while Hopkins, director and co-author of the play, wants it done straight. . .

Donald Ogden Stewart's coming play is titled *How I Wonder*. The story of the main character, an astronomer, is based partly on the life of Dr. Howard Shapley, the Nobel Prize winner, who cut Rankin down to size. Play portrays conflict which faces top modern scientists: science in an ivory tower versus science battling for the common man. . .

Leonard Sillman, forlorn possessor of \$200,000 flop *If the Shoe Fits*, had his favorite Christian Science practitioner flown in from the coast. But no go. Faith couldn't beat the lack of ticket sales. . .

Jimmy Dorsey has informed his band members that he's cutting salaries and if they don't like it they can leave. Nine of the nineteen players don't, and are leaving. . .

The internationally known Trudy Schoop and her Comic Ballet absent from America for eight years, will tour U.S. for Hurok early next year. . .



Republic Pictures fighting viciously against the Screen Publicists Guild. Firm threatens to close up shop if the union does not assent to the firing of four employees before contract is signed. . .

James Mason, who's been blasting Britain's giant movie producer, J. Arthur Rank, has filed suit against him to stop circulation of Rank's "Wicked Lady," in which the actor is starred. Star objects to producer's acquiescence to the Johnston office censorship cuts. . .

Paulette Goddard has shipped her entire house of furniture from the west coast to husband Burgess Meredith in Rockland County. They will use it as stock in the antique shop they're opening there. . .

Jerome Chodorov will do the screen version of Arthur Miller's novel "Focus". . .

Lev Gleason, "Reader's Scope" publisher, seeking cooperation to film his current lead article "Armageddon." Piece vividly portrays the mutually disastrous results of an imaginary atomic bomb war between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. . .

Amsterdam Avenue fire query: Wasn't the ice house—the fumes from which, it is assumed, caused the ghastly fire—formerly a storage place for the business of ex-bootlegger and racketeer Owney Madden?

Newspaper talk: Victor Riesel, the New York Post's alleged labor expert, was asked recently by a prominent labor man why he red-baits a la Pegler. "Me redbait?" exclaimed Riesel. "Why I hardly mention reds in my column." Shocked, the union man checked that day's column, found it smeared the red label on progressive labor leaders 20 times. Pegler, in one of his milder moods, the same day, sufficed himself with only four redbaiting items. . .

Potomac Patter: Gen. Eisenhower took his month's vacation at the outbreak of the coal strike, it is said, to avoid personally giving the order for troops to move into the coal fields, if and when instructed by President Truman. Ike recalled MacArthur's unpopularity after he commanded troops against Bonus Marchers in 1932. Move indicates that Ike is serious about the '48 presidential nomination. . .

Secretary of Commerce Harriman spent a good part of last Thursday bawling the extensive press and radio coverage of the Nathan report, which proved that the monopolies could pay 25 percent higher wages without passing the increase on to the consumer. "Exactly what we were afraid would happen—has happened," Harriman complained to his friends. . .

Wendell Berge, assistant Attorney General, may soon go the way of John Rogge. His boss, Tom Clark, doesn't approve of Berge's clamor for more funds to fight monopolies. . .

Moss Hart and Garson Kanin sat together at the opening of "Years Ago," written by Ruth Gordon, Kanin's wife. Hart was extremely tense and worried about the fate of his friend's new play. At the first intermission he left his seat and returned looking pale and shaken. "What's the matter?" asked Kanin. "I'm so nervous," said Hart, "that I threw up." During the second intermission Hart left again. When he returned, Kanin asked, "Throw up again?" "No," replied Hart, "I just went out for a smoke." "Huh," sneered Kanin, "some friend!" . . .

Hijacks Bibles

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 18. — The Rev. Alfred L. Emmert of Brazil said today he didn't mind the robbery if the thief would put the loot to good use.

Emmert's automobile was looted

Ward?" he inquired of Caraway. "That is correct," said Caraway without blinking an eye.

Present in court this morning was Mrs. Marie Caraway, his wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Barnes of Charlotte, N. C., his step-father and mother. Mrs. Caraway collapsed

when the jury returned the guilty verdict and was taken from the court by attendants.

Murray, who moved to set aside the verdict because of "insufficient evidence," has 30 days in which to file an appeal. The appeal would automatically stay the execution.